

SENATE BILL 3112
By Womack

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to changes in education resulting from the Education Improvement Act.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-301(h)(3), the option of county commissions to continue to retain elected superintendents expired September 1, 1996, and all counties will now be required to have appointed "directors of schools" under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a)(15)(A); and

WHEREAS, the Education Improvement Act of 1992 also changed powers and duties of both the superintendent and the local board of education based on the transition from elected superintendents to appointed directors; and

WHEREAS, the last scheduled election for superintendents has now transpired; now, therefore, BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-301(d), is amended by deleting the words "may be referred to as 'superintendent' but" and by substituting the words "shall be referred to as 'director' and".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-301, is further amended by deleting subsection (h) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-301, is further amended by deleting subsection (j) in its entirety.

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SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-406, is amended by deleting the words "local board of education or superintendent, as appropriate," wherever they appear and substituting the words "director of schools".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, is amended by deleting all references to "superintendent", "county superintendent", "superintendent of public instruction", or other similar terms, as appropriate, and substituting the term "director of schools" or "director", as appropriate.

SECTION 6. The staff of the Tennessee Code Commission is authorized to make the changes authorized herein as sections of Title 49 are otherwise amended, and as seems most feasible, economical and practical.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect September 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.